STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1785

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 8

, 2015

RE:

S.B. No. 982

S.D. 1 H.D. 2

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2015 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 982, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL AMNESTY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to improve outcomes from overdoses and drug poisoning episodes by encouraging those affected by an overdose, and witnesses who might otherwise hesitate to act, to call for medical assistance by providing limited immunity from liquor, controlled substance, and drug paraphernalia possession charges.

The Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women, Department of Health, a Council Member from the Maui County Council, Community Alliance on Prisons, Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, Big Island Chapter of Americans for Safe Access, the Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii, the Drug Policy Action Group, Hawaii Medical Association, and numerous concerned individuals supported this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Making it effective upon its approval; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

SB982 HD2 HSCR JUD HMS 2015-3112

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 982, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 982, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Judiciary,

KARL RHOADS, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-eighth Legislature HSC2 1385

Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary

| Bill/Resolution No.: | Committee Referral: | | Date: | |
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| SB982,SDI,HDI | HLT, JUD | | 4/2/15 | |
| The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure. | | | | |
| The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit) | | | | |
| JUD Members | Ayes | Ayes (WR) | Nays | Excused |
| 1. RHOADS, Karl (C) | | | | |
| 2. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. | (VC) | | | |
| 3. BELATTI, Della Au | | | | |
| 4. BROWER, Tom | | | - | |
| 5. CREAGAN, Richard P. | | | | |
| 6. HASHEM, Mark J. | | | | |
| 7. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K. | | | | |
| 8. LEE, Chris | | | | |
| 9. MORIKAWA, Dee | | | | |
| 10. NAKASHIMA, Mark M. | | | | |
| 11. TAKAYAMA, Gregg | | | | |
| 12. WOODSON, Justin H. | | | | |
| 13. McDERMOTT, Bob | | | | |
| 14. THIELEN, Cynthia | | | | |
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| TOTAL (14) | 10 | 7 | | 2 |
| The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s) | | | | |
| Vice Chair's or designee's signature: | | | | |
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